

**PINE GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2021**

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

Joan Schwer
Amy Jo Brixius
Jenny Fessler
Joe Kerwin

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Thomas Fickinger, Council President
Leroy Bates, Vice-President
Leonard Clark, Pro-Tem
Skip Butler
Rodney Hiester
Elaine Holley
Michael Allison
Melissa Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer
Willard Shiffer, Mayor

ABSENT:

Christopher Hobbs, Solicitor

Council President Fickinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with all members of Council being present. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (1): None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None.

SCHEDULED VISITORS:

1. **Joe Kerwin:** Mayor Shiffer introduced State Representative Joe Kerwin to Council. PA State Representative Joe Kerwin spoke to council and public.
2. **Open Door Project:** Amy Jo Brixius stated that the Open-Door Project will be hosting 5K Race on Saturday, May 1st with a rain date of Sunday, May 2nd. Leroy

Bates motioned to approve Open Door Project 5K Run on Saturday, May 1st, seconded by Rodney Hiester, carried by Council.

3. HHL: None.
4. NEFD: None.

○ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Sgt. Dissinger read over the monthly Police Report.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed garbage prices going up and possibly having a contracted service for garbage for borough residents. Council further discussed.
- Mayor Shiffer discussed QOL concerns on Mifflin Street and Wideawake Street

○ **COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **PGJTA Vacant Board Seat:** Leonard Clark motioned to advertise for candidates for the vacant seat on the Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority seconded by Leroy Bates, carried by Council.
2. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER): None.**
3. **ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER)**
 - **Approval of Minutes:** Passing the gavel, President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Leonard Clark, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** President Fickinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January, seconded by Michael Allison, carried by Council.
 - **Approval of Bills:** President Fickinger motioned to approve the Bill Approval List, seconded by Elaine Holley, carried by Council.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (TOM FICKINGER):**
 - **Streets/ Water Report:** Report is in everyone's folder.
5. **PROPERTY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (LEROY BATES):**
 - **Chesapeake Bay Grant Program/ Planting Program:** L. Bates stated that himself and S. Butler met with Leah Zerbe regarding the planting project on Borough properties. Council further discussed.
6. **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (LEONARD CLARK):**
 - **Upper Swatara Watershed Project:** T. Fickinger stated we sent a Letter of Support for Phase II of the Upper Swatara Watershed Project.
7. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (SKIP BUTLER): None.**
8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION (LEONARD CLARK):**


- **Pool:** L. Clark stated we will be having a Zoom Meeting at the end of the month to discuss the pool opening.

○ **NEW BUSINESS:** None

○ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

○ **PRESS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.

Rodney Hiester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Skip Butler, carried by Council.



Melissa A. Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer